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(4) From Pinnakkanad on the Erattupetah Kanjirapalli road to the Ponkunnam Lalam road through Vilakkumadom. This line has been widened by the Vilakkumadom people and what was prayed for was its maintenance by the D. P. W.

(5) From the Mankomboo road to Kadanad through Privithanan.

(6) From Vellapad to the Kuravilangad road.

(7) From Palai to the Ramapuram Proverthy Cutcherry.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Improvement of means of communication in the Muvattupuzha taluk.

Mr. Thariathu Kunji Thommen (Member, Muvattupuzha taluk) represented that, owing to the want of cartable roads in the interior of the taluk, the inhabitants were labouring under difficulties in the matter of transacting their daily business in life. Every year a certain sum of money was sanctioned for the maintenance of the several foot-paths in the taluk, which the Member said was a mere waste of public funds, as these foot-paths did not serve any useful purpose. Four or five times the amount thus spent annually would be enough for constructing suitable cart roads. The Member prayed for the conversion of the following foot-paths into cartable roads, *viz*, (1) from the Kothamangalom bazaar to the Vazhakulam market through the Kalanboor market situated between the Varappatti and Enanalloor *pakuthies*, (2) from the Muvattupuzha pettah to Aunjoor, (3) from Muvattupuzha to Anjapetti on the Piravam road through Pampakuda, and (4) from the Piravam market to Urayam through Ramamangalom. The Member also urged the opening of a new road from the 114th mile-stone of the M. C. Road to Piravam.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Improvement of the means of communi cation in the Karthigapalli taluk.

Mr. Parasurama Iyer Narayana Iyer (Member, Karthigapalli taluk) stated that the condition of the following roads and canals was very miserable and he urged the necessity for improving them, with the necessary culverts, bridges &c:—(1) Parts of the road from Kayenkulam to Thottapalli i. e., from Kayenkulam to Nangiarkulangara and from Aripad Danappadi to Thottapalli. (2)The road from Karthigapalli to Thirkunnapuzha. (3) Metalling of half a mile of the road east of the Taluk Office up to the Travellers' Bungalow, clearing of the village road from the Taluk Office to the Chennithalai road and improving the road from Karthigapalli to Kayenkulam which passed through Muthukulom and Keerikad. (4) The road from the Taluk Cutcherry to the timber depot at Veeyapuram. (5) The canal

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from Danappadi to Kayenkulam and the branch road east of the same. The Member then referred to the damage caused to the crops in the fields lying on both sides of the road, three quarter of a mile in length, south of the Haripad temple, on account of the dug-up pits bordering the road and said that those portions should be raised to the level of the field. He also said that the various village roads, channels, lanes &c., which were under the control of the Revenue authorities, if repaired, would be of great use, especially to the agricultural population of the taluk.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Improvement of the means of communication in the Thiruvella taluk.

Mr. V. Subramanian Muthathu (Member, T. I. C. Thiruvella) stated that the want of means of communication, especially by water, was greatly felt by the town folk of Thiruvella. There were the Manipuzha river forming the south western boundary of the town and some other smaller streams, but all these dried up in the hot season, and, during the rainy season, proved very troublesome. Want of pure water was greatly felt in the town of Thiruvella. As a remedial measure, the Member suggested that, if a canal be opened from the Kidayil bend of the Pampa river to join the Manipuzha river, half a mile in length, it would not only afford easy means of communication from Alleppey and other commercial centres, but would also be helpful to the trading classes. The Podiyadi river bed could be sold in auction. The necessity for putting up a bridge at Podiyadi on the Pulikil Mavelikarai road would be no longer felt and its cost could be saved. The cost of constructing the proposed canal, the Member said, could be met from the sale proceeds of the river bed and the cost proposed to be incurred on the bridge, and the balance might be used for converting the pathways in the town into cartable roads.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Do. Do. Neyyattinkara taluk.

Mr. M. Kesava Pillai (Member, Neyyattinkara taluk) represented that, unlike the northern parts where waterways also afforded means of communication, roads were the only means of communication in the Neyyattinkara taluk and that, for want of sufficient roads, people were put to great trouble in carrying their produce to the neighbouring markets, such as Kaliayakkavila, &c. They had to carry their produce on their heads through circuitous paths. He suggested the opening of the following roads:—(a) Road from the Kunnattukal Proverthy Cutcherry to the Perunkaduvila Proverthy Cutcherry, a distance of 4 miles. At present the people had to take a circuitous way through Amaravila, a distance of 12 miles. (b) The extension to Kollenkode near Sankurutty, for 5½ miles, of the existing branch road from

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